

The concept of mandating diversification of revenue for municipalities is totally unacceptable and must be opposed. In addition to that, the 2.5% limit on property taxes to include motor vehicle as well as personal property is unrealistic and unacceptable as well.

As a First Selectman and a member of CCM we have sought out ideas to diversify revenue as well. Some of the ideas researched and presented have merit and could be explored if legislation permitted. One such proposal, in my opinion, is a sales tax that is regional in nature, administered by the State and distribution of funds by Councils of Government in a proportion agreed to by said Councils, however a local income tax is not a revenue stream that I would find acceptable to my constituents.

The State of Connecticut has a net outflow of people leaving our cities and towns now due to cost of living. Taxation at all levels being part of it. To create further forms of taxation is a risky business at best and could well contribute to that outflow. How to charge our residents more is not the answer. Responsible spending, that which is now done at the local level, is the the way to go.

Hank You for this opportunity to state my views and that which I believe are those of my residents.

Respectfully,

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